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Group Art Unit : 1625 Confirmation No. 6730  
Applicants : Michael Mullican, et al.  
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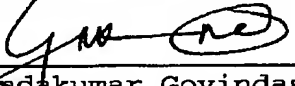
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
January 18, 2005Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action mailed July 15, 2004. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 18, 2004 (January 15<sup>th</sup> being a Saturday and January 17<sup>th</sup> being a federal holiday).

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$1,020.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) and any additional fees, if due, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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